REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

A review of the claims indicates that:

Claims 1-23 were previously pending.

No new claims are added.

Claims 1, 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, and 20 are currently amended.

Claims 1-23 are currently pending in this application, with claims 1, 7, 17, and 20 being independent.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Office rejects claims 5, 15, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, in claims 15 and 19, the Office asserts that the phrase "the first server" lacks antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claims 15 and 19 to replace the phrase "the first server" with the phrase "the network server." Applicant submits that claims 5, 15, and 19 comply with all aspects of §112.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Office rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because "the claim appears to embrace or overlap two different statutory classes of invention" (Office Action, page 2). Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, claim 5 has been amended and Applicant submits claim 5 complies with §101.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Office rejects claims 1, 3-10, and 13-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,092,196 (Reiche et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as presently presented recites:

A method for seeking access to a first server, the method comprising:

determining that a client seeking access to the first server is not authenticated by an authentication server;

communicating a request for login information to be returned to the authentication server from the client;

receiving the login information at the authentication server from the client;

authenticating the client by comparing the login information with authentication information maintained by the authentication server; and

when the login information matches the authentication information,

generating a user authentication indicator at the authentication server; and

sending the user authentication indicator to the first server; and

sending user profile information associated with
the client login information to the first server.

Changes made to the claims are supported in Applicant's Specification at
least on pages 6 and 14.

The Reiche reference does not disclose or suggest every element of
Applicant's claim 1, as amended. Reiche discloses an HTTP distributed remote
user authentication system that provides for data network implementation of an
improved user access control protocol (Reiche, Col. 4, lines 22-23). As discussed
during the telephonic interview, the system of Reiche does not disclose or suggest
every element of Applicant's claim 1. Specifically, Reiche does not disclose or
suggest "sending user profile information associated with the client login
information to the first server," as in Applicant's claim 1.

Because the Reiche document does not disclose or suggest every element of
Applicant's claim 1, as amended, Applicant respectfully submits the reference
does not anticipate claim 1. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is
allowable over Reiche.

Claims 3-6

Claims 3-6 depend from independent claim 1 and are, therefore, allowable
by virtue of this dependency, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Claim 7, as presently presented, recites:

> A method of authenticating a client with respect to
> a network server to which the client is seeking access,
> the method comprising:
> receiving a request at an authentication server from
> the network server to authenticate a client;

determining that the client is not authenticated by the authentication server;

receiving login information at the authentication server from the client;

authenticating the client at the authentication server by comparing the received login information with authentication information maintained by the authentication server; and

determining that the received login information matches the authentication information, whereupon an authentication indication is generated at the authentication server and user profile information associated with the client login information are communicated to the network server.

Changes made to the claims are supported in Applicant's Specification at least on pages 6 and 14.

The Reiche reference does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant's claim 7, as amended, for the same reasons as described above in the rejection of claim 1. In particular, the system of Reiche does not disclose or suggest "user profile information associated with the client login information... communicated to the network server," as in Applicant's claim 7.

Because the Reiche document does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant's claim 7, as amended, Applicant respectfully submits that the reference does not anticipate claim 7. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7 is allowable over Reiche.

Claims 8-10 and 13-16

Claims 8-10 and 13-16 depend from independent claim 7 and are, therefore, allowable by virtue of this dependency, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Claim 17, as presently presented, recites:

> One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a plurality of instructions that when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the following steps:
> receiving a request to authenticate a user seeking access to a network server;
> determining that the user is not authenticated by an authentication server;
> receiving login information at the authentication server from the user;
> authenticating the user at the authentication server by comparing the received login information with authentication information maintained by the authentication server;
> when the received login information matches the authentication information,
> generating a user authentication indicator at the authentication server; and
> sending the user authentication indicator to the network server; and
> sending user profile information associated with the client login information to the network server.

Changes made to the claims are supported in Applicant's Specification at least on pages 6 and 14.

The Reiche reference does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant's claim 17, as amended. In particular, Reiche does not disclose or suggest "sending user profile information associated with the client login information to the network server," as in Applicant's claim 17.

Because the Reiche document does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant's claim 17, as amended, Applicant respectfully submits that the reference does not anticipate claim 17. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 17 is allowable over Reiche.

Claims 18 and 19

Claims 18 and 19 depend from independent claim 17 and are, therefore, allowable by virtue of this dependency, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Claim 20, as presently presented, recites:

> A system comprising:
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> a network server to receive a request by a client to gain access to the network server,
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> the network server to transmit a request to the authentication server for the authentication server to authenticate the client, wherein the request includes the client's login information;
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> an authentication server to determine that the client is authenticated with respect to the authentication server,
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> the authentication server to transmit a client authentication indicator to the network server, wherein the client authentication indicator to indicate whether the client is authenticated; and
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> whereby the network server is to grant access to the client at the network server and wherein the network server is to receive user profile information associated with the client login information when the client authentication indicator determines that the client is authenticated at the authentication server.

Changes made to the claims are supported in Applicant's Specification at least on pages 6 and 14.

The Reiche reference does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant's claim 20, as amended. In particular, Reiche does not disclose or suggest "wherein the network server is to receive user profile information associated with the client login information," as in Applicant's claim 20.

Because the Reiche document does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant's claim 20, as amended, Applicant respectfully submits the reference does not anticipate claim 20. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 is allowable over Reiche.

Claims 21-23

Claims 21-23 depend from independent claim 20 and are, therefore, allowable by virtue of this dependency, as well as for the additional features that each recites.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office rejects claims 2, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Reiche in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,418,854 (Kaufman et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 2

Claim 2 is a dependent claim of independent claim 1. As discussed above, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Reiche since Reiche does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant's amended claim 1. In particular, the Reiche document does not teach or suggest "sending user profile information associated

with the client login information to the first server," as in Applicant's amended claim 1.

Kaufman was cited for its alleged teaching of a "user authentication indicator [that] does not contain reference of the login information" (Office Action, page 6). However, the Kaufman document fails to remedy the deficiencies of Reiche, noted above with respect to claim 1. For example, Kaufman fails to teach or suggest "sending user profile information associated with the client login information to the first server," as in Applicant's amended claim 1.

Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they depend. Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and, therefore, is allowable by virtue of its dependence from independent claim 1, as well as for the additional features that it recites.

Claims 11 and 12

Claims 11 and 12 are dependent claims of independent claim 7. As stated previously, claim 7 is patentable over the Reiche patent because Reiche does not disclose or suggest every element of Applicant's amended claim 7. For example, the Reiche patent does not teach or suggest "user profile information associated with the client login information… communicated to the network server," as in Applicant's amended claim 7.

The Kaufman document does not add to the missing teachings of Reiche, described above with respect to claim 7. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits amended independent claim 7 is not obvious in view of these references.

Dependent claims contain the language of the claims from which they depend. Claims 11 and 12 depend from claim 7, and, therefore, are allowable by

virtue of their dependence from independent claim 7, as well as for the additional features that each claim recites.

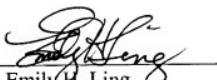## Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests prompt issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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